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OPERATING ARRANGEMENT  
FOR A SLIDING DOOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing as  
follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

UNNUMBERED PAGE 12

Line 4, change "said" to --the--

Line 14, delete "it is proposed that"

Last Line on page, delete "Fig. 1"

IN THE SPECIFICATION

PAGE 1

Line 1, delete "Description"

Line 5, before this line, after the title, insert:

-- FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

PAGE 2

Line 15, before this line insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

PAGE 3

Line 17, change "space,of" to --space, of--

PAGE 4

Line 33, before this line insert:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

PAGE 5

Line 7, after the semicolon ";" insert --and--

Line 10, before this line insert:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

IN THE CLAIMS  
(APPLICATION PAGES 10-11)

Before claim 1, change "Patent claims" to --I CLAIM:--

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (amended) An operating arrangement for a sliding door (10), in particular of motor vehicles, having a door lock (14), a latching device (16) which can be arrested in a positive-locking manner and is [intended] for holding the sliding door (10) in its open position, and an inside door operating means (18) having an inside door handle, and [also] an outside door operating means (20) having an outside door handle, connecting elements (22, 24, 28), [it being possible for] the door lock (14) and the latching device (16) being able to be operated mechanically by the door handles via said connecting elements (22, 24, 28), and [the] logical functions for locking/unlocking the sliding door (10) [are] being realized in the door lock (14), driver elements (40, 42), wherein the connecting elements (22, 24) between the two door handles and the door lock (14) have said driver elements (40, 42) which act via a driven element (32, 44) on [a] the connecting element (28) connected to the latching device (16).

2. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least for [the] said two door

handles separate said connecting elements (22, 24) and driver elements (40, 42) are provided, the latter interacting with a single said driven element (32, 44).

3. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the driver elements (40, 42) lie directly next to one another and [the] said connecting elements (22, 24) from the door handles run parallel to one another at least in this region.

4. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 3], wherein the driver elements (40, 42) act on a reversing lever (32) on which the connecting element (28) to the latching device (16) is secured.

5. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], wherein the driver elements (40, 42) are uncoupled from the connecting element (28) to the latching device (16) [in] such [a manner] that driving only takes place in a direction of movement relative to one another.

6. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein [the] uncoupled driving takes

place by simple bearing of [the] said driver elements (40, 42) against a driving surface (44) on [the] reversing lever (32).

7. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], wherein the connecting elements (22, 24, 28) are at least partially [designed] formed as Bowden cables.

8. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein [the] said Bowden cables (22, 24) of the connecting elements from the door handles are [of] continuous [design] in [the] a region of the driver elements (40, 42), [the] Bowden-cable sheaths (36) being [having been] omitted in [this] said region.

9. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 8, wherein [the] Bowden-cable sheaths (36) of the door-handle connecting elements (22, 24) end molded onto [the] walls of a housing body (30) on which the reversing lever (32) is pivotably mounted.

10. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 9, wherein [the] said housing body (30) is of essentially mirror-symmetrical [construction] formation.

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This amendment is being made simultaneously with filing this application.

The abstract, specification and the claims 1-10 have been amended in accordance with USA practice under 35 USC 112 and to eliminate multiple-dependent form claims. No multiple-dependent claims exist in this application as of the filing date.

No multiple-dependent form claim fees apply in this application.

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claim filing fee and prior to an action on the merits, which is respectfully requested.

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